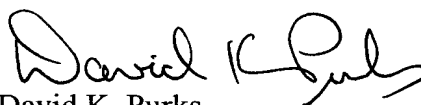


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REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the present claim amendments as placing the application in condition for allowance or reducing the issues for consideration on appeal. In particular, Claims 2, 6, and 9 have been amended to independent form including all of the recitations from the independent claims from which they formerly depended, and independent Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 have been canceled. A Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review are being filed concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Purks", written in a cursive style.

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